

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues. Thank you Senator Warner. I'll not dwell very long on LB 309 because I know that the members of the subcommittee, Senators Savage, Rasmussen and Senator Cope and myself, have worked with the senators in every area of the State of Nebraska, from Omaha to Ft. Robinson. The University, the state colleges, the Governor's Office, DAS, everybody has had a part of this bill, particularly the Attorney General's office in being sure that the system we finally arrived at is written on the paper as best we know how at this time to be constitutionally sound, and that is the word we have. Very simply LB 309 puts maintenance, with a little status, in the agencies and charges agencies directly with taking care of the \$1000 million worth of physical assets that the people in Nebraska own. LB 309 will make the provisions using the standard appropriation money that is already involved in the budget from the Governor's office and from the Budget Committee. But it puts some rhyme and reason to the spending of this money, to ensure that we'll take care of our buildings and set in place a preventive maintenance system that will extend on into the future. I would be glad, at this time, not to go further, but field any questions that anyone may have in what truly is a new, different landmark approach.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, question of Senator Kelly. Senator Kelly, what does this do to ensure that this building is maintained properly? I noticed in the past that we've had water leaks and stains. Money has been appropriated. What is the problem here in the State Capitol that the building isn't maintained properly?

SENATOR KELLY: Basically there are two problems that happen in the Capitol Building. First of all, money has not been appropriated. Part of that reason, and believe me there is plenty of blame to go around, but the money does not get requested to fix the building. This is one of the basic advantages for the people of Nebraska that every maintenance item, as an example, in this Capitol Building, through the Task Force, will be identified and classified and put a priority on it so that the monies will become available for it. Those programs that cause the most damage to the existing structure will be those that are fixed first, such as roof leaks. You will see a difference, in a couple of years, in the maintenance of this building.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. We must move the bill now. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, now that we've adopted the amendment, that is the bill. I move we advance LB 309 to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance. Read title to LB 309A. There is an amendment by Senator Warner. (Read amendment found on page 1985 of the Journal).